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WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Is the country face to face once more with a car famine? Are conditions that tied up the northwest last winter to rule again? This is a subject that is worrying the administration. Franklin K. Lane, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, recently made a trip through the West and Middle West to look over the ground. He returned with his apprehension somewhat allayed, but recent reports have served to renew his fears.

The report on the internal commerce of the country during October just issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor, throws a significant sidelight on the problem. The report says: "The number of cars handled during the month by 38 reporting car associations, 3,595,790, was over seven per cent larger than the number handled in Oct. 1906, although even the larger car supply did not prevent accumulation and delay of traffic at important centers. The inability of the railroads to move all traffic offered is best illustrated by the decision of certain trunk lines to discontinue temporarily the making of contracts with western shippers for the transportation of grain from the lakes to the Atlantic seaboard."

During the month the congestion was least felt along the Great Lakes, where the traffic, 11,826,000 net tons, was greater than any month during the season, except August, and exceeded by 28 per cent the total of freight carried in October of last year. With their fleets of steamers developing rapidly, the Lakes are being resorted to as a means for relieving the pressure on the railroads. They are proving the salvation of the Northwest.

The solution of the traffic question, which is becoming a most serious one, is to be found in a scientific development of the rivers of the country. This is the opinion of practically every public man. President Roosevelt's belief in it is well known. He is supported by students of economic conditions in every walk of life.

In order to push forward this work of improvement, the government cannot spend less than \$50,000,000 a year. To spend less will mean that the Panama Canal will be finished before the rivers, and harbors of the country are in conditions to share in the increase of commerce that the opening of the big ditch will bring about. There is now a vast amount of work, approved by the government engineers and awaiting only the funds necessary for its undertaking. This work contemplates the expenditure of upwards of \$500,000,000. At a yearly expenditure of \$50,000,000 spread over ten years this can be cared for.

The National Rivers & Harbors Congress has been a consistent advocate of such an expenditure. It has maintained that the time was approaching, and approaching rapidly, when the railroads will be physically unable to care for a title of the traffic offered. At the organization's great convention here this month, James J. Hill, of the Great Northern, and W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway, frankly confessed that the fears of the advocates of waterway development were well grounded.

Captain J. F. Ellison secretary and treasurer of the National Rivers & Harbors Congress, has returned to his headquarters in Cincinnati, and is planning for a vigorous crusade for new members. The membership of the organization extends to every state and territory in the Union, but it is planned to continue the campaign until every believer in added means of transportation for the country is enrolled.

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